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HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD THE CLUB MEMBER BE ALLOWED?

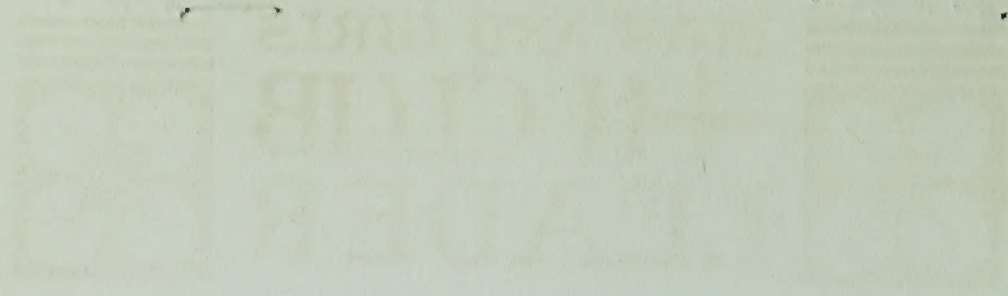
Stories of instances where club members have been given responsibility along certain lines come to the CLUB LEADER desk every now and then. This summer, out in Sedgwick County, Kans., the Who's Who Club, which is made up of seven club members in the county who have won out-of-state trips, assumed the responsibility of carrying out the program of the third annual Sedgwick County 4-H Club Camp. One member was general manager of the camp and had charge of initiation services for honorary members; another was in charge of the girls' handicraft work; another was recreation leader; another was in charge of the boys' handicraft work. Music appreciation and singing were under the leadership of still another member of the Who's Who Club.

Up in Lebanon County, Pa., not long ago, the county agent found that it would be necessary for him to be out of the county on the day that a neighboring county baby beef club planned to make a tour to the farms of baby beef club members in his county. Instead of asking the visitors to postpone the tour, he arranged the schedule of stops and called on the president of each of the two baby beef clubs in Lebanon County to escort the visitors through the section of the county in which their clubs were located. The tour moved off without a hitch, he says, everything working out in the smoothest possible manner.

These are only two instances where club members have taken a piece of work and handled it effectively. What have your "live wire" club members done along this line?

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
IN SENATE,
January 14, 1903.

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OF THE
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IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION
PASSED BY THE SENATE
MAY 1, 1899.

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JUST TO REMIND YOU

TO TUNE IN FOR

THE NATIONAL 4-H RADIO BROADCAST

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Time: Eastern Standard, 1 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.
Central Standard, 12 noon " 12.45 p.m.
Mountain Standard, 11 a.m. " 11.45 a.m.
Pacific Standard, 10 a.m. " 10.45 a.m.

C. B. Smith, chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, will extend Thanksgiving greetings to the club members over the land.

Ruby Richardson, of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and Sam Neel, of Pocahontas County, W. Va., representing club members in these States, will tell of their experiences in club work.

I. W. Hill, field agent for the Southern States, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, will tell "What's Happening Among 4-H Clubs."

The National Broadcasting Company studios will furnish music for the program.

See August CLUB LEADER for stations in national hook-up.



A letter has been received from Henry D. Sylvester, assistant county agent, Stanislaus County, Calif., commenting on the reception of the August 5 and September 7 national 4-H broadcasts. Of particular interest is that part of his letter referring to the number of listeners from Stanislaus County to the September 7 program: "Last Saturday, September 7, we held our first annual 4-H field day at Modesto, to which about 200 people came to take part in the day's program and to be there for the awarding of the prizes to the winners of the 1929 club contests. We started the program off by listening in on the September 7 broadcast of the national 4-H club program. I am sure that all the 200 people there enjoyed the program. They all mentioned the fact that it was very interesting and was well balanced both from the standpoint of music and talks. If these programs are continued through the late fall and winter, I believe we will have more folks listen to them as the farm work will not be so pressing at that time."

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From W. G. Waterhouse, assistant State club leader, coast counties, California, comes this message: "The national 4-H club radio program broadcast on September 7 was certainly a very good one. We had a special receiving set hooked up in front of the university building at the State fair, which was in session at that time. The various radios on the grounds tuned in on the broadcast so that thousands of folks attending the State fair had an opportunity of listening to the program. Many favorable comments were heard from the club members, leaders, and others who listened to the broadcast. We trust that these broadcasts will continue as they undoubtedly will materially assist in the development of 4-H club work in California."

LATE WIRE: CALIFORNIA RADIO 4-H CLUB HOLDS FIRST MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER TWENTY-FIFTH AT SEVEN-TWENTY, STATION KQW

HOW 4-H CLUB WORK BEGAN Special work for young people on the farms is first mentioned in the "History of Agricultural Extension Work," by A. C. True, in connection with his discussion of farmers' institutes. In 1900, he says on page 38 of the history, the president of the county institute in Macoupin County, Ill., W. B. Otwell, "distributed carefully selected corn to 500 boys, who grew it and made an exhibit for prizes at the next institute," this because the adult farmers of the county had not responded to efforts to get them to attend institutes.

"In January, 1902, A. B. Graham, superintendent of Springfield township schools in Clark County, Ohio, without knowledge of the club work in Illinois, organized a boys' and girls' club and arranged with the farmers'-institute committee at Springfield to make an exhibit of the results of their work at the farmers' institute."

"In February, 1902, Supt. O. J. Kern, who was promoting the improvement of rural schools in Winnebago County, Ill., organized a farmer boys' experiment club in cooperation with the agricultural college."

"About this time," the history continues, "the Texas Farmers' Congress organized the Farmer Boys' and Girls' League, which in 1904 had over 1,200 members. In Iowa the first boys' club was formed by the superintendent of schools, C. E. Miller, at Sigourney, Keokuk County, in March, 1904, and soon had 335 members."

Junior naturalists' clubs were formed through the work of New York State College of Agriculture in that State in 1897, according to Dr. True, and in 1902 mention is made of both junior naturalists' and junior gardeners' reading courses.

"From the time of beginning demonstration work" (later 'farmers' cooperative demonstration work'), wrote Dr. True, "a few specially interested and capable boys were used as demonstrators. The boys' club movement in some Northern States was attracting attention in the South. In 1907 a club was organized in Holmes County, Miss., by W. H. Smith, a school superintendent, later employed for club work by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Doctor Seaman A. Knapp saw the advantages of having boys supplement the work of adult demonstrators.*** He, therefore, in 1909, undertook the systematic organization of the boys' club work and charged the State, district, and county agents with its supervision and expansion."

"The girls' canning clubs of the South originated in Aiken County, S. C., early in 1910," according to the history. Miss Marie Cromer, teacher of a rural school, after hearing a talk about boys' club work and some suggestions regarding the field for girls' club work, attempted to organize a girls' club and by the spring of 1910 had 47 members enrolled. Miss Cromer was called to Washington by Doctor Knapp and appointed special agent by the Department of Agriculture. A representative of the Department, O. B. Martin, was sent to Aiken County to aid the girls in canning. "Similar work was undertaken that year in two or three counties in Virginia by Miss Ella G. Agnew. In all about 300 girls were members of 'tomato clubs' in 1910."

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THE GAUNTLET CLUB

REPLIES TO SEPTEMBER'S CHALLENGES

Nevada v. Arkansas again:

This from A. L. Higginbotham, extension editor in Nevada: "The Silver State comes right back at W. J. Jernigan, Arkansas State club leader. Granted that there are more club members in Arkansas in relation to the state's population than there are in Nevada, here is a record for Arkansas to shoot at:

"Of the 897 boys and girls enrolled in 4-H clubs in Nevada, 230 - or more than one in every four - were in attendance at the 1929 State club camp at the University of Nevada livestock farm in August. Mr. Jernigan states that 1 out of every 10 members in Arkansas attended the Razor Backs' 1929 camp.

"Congratulations to Arkansas upon the splendid ratio of club members to population. We thought we had the world beaten in Nevada but we are glad to give the laurels to any State which can do better."



Wyoming County, N. Y., answering Tripp County, S. Dak.:

Allison A. McKennie, county club agent, Wyoming County, N. Y., says: "Tripp County, S. Dak., claims a club organized with five members originally, which has grown to 23 members all of whom have finished work for 3 consecutive years. The Wyoming Valley 4-H Club of Wyoming County was organized in 1925-26 with five members. In the three years, '26-'27, '27-'28, '28-'29, 43 members have taken 4-H club work in that club. Each of these members has completed her work all these three years. The club is organized again this year with 20 members so that in four years the local leader has had in her charge 63 members."

AT THE END OF THE YEAR'S WORK

Six district 4-H fairs have recently been held in West Virginia. The State legislature at its last session appropriated \$5,000 to aid in holding them. All club members who exhibited at these fairs had to meet certain requirements and have their exhibits approved by the club superintendents of the fair before they were brought or sent for exhibition. When such requirements were met and approval given, the club member's transportation, if any, was paid to the fair, as well as the cost of transporting exhibits of livestock and poultry. The members were also furnished lodging and meals free while attending the fair. Each county in the territory assigned to a fair was eligible to make application to enter its highest scoring exhibit for each year of the various projects, provided such exhibit made a score of at least 80 points at the county show. If the first exhibit from a county scored more than 90 in the county show and there were others that rated 90 or more, application could be made for entering any or all that were so rated. The superintendents were authorized to accept or decline these exhibits.

At each fair, educational scholarships or all expenses to a State 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill were awarded to club members who had done the most outstanding project work in each year's work in each project. One hundred and forty-four such trips were awarded, each having a value of \$12. In addition to these individual awards, educational trips were awarded to the winning judging teams for the State in general livestock and dairy cattle, and one to the winning dairy demonstration team. The dairy teams will get expenses paid to the National Dairy Show at St. Louis, and the livestock team, to the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago.

Since 1924, over one million dollars' worth of junior calves have been sold at the Union Stockyards, Chicago, at sales which have been conducted under the auspices of the International Livestock Exposition.

There were four district 4-H Jersey calf club shows held in Kentucky this summer in connection with fairs at Lexington, Madisonville, Mayfield, and Bowling Green. Seven hundred dollars in premiums were offered at each show.

More than 100 dairy club boys and girls showed purebred animals of all ages and of the various dairy breeds at New Jersey's State Fair at Trenton, N. J., this fall. From 10 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon of one day at the fair, the Coliseum was packed with parents, club members, and visitors, watching club members show their stock and watching the stock being judged. Every county in the State was represented at this show of 4-H purebred dairy livestock.

Of Human Interest



From the Bi-Weekly 4-H Club News, Orleans County, Vt., is quoted the following for whatever use you may care to make of it: "The Excelsior Club of Derby has established a precedent which might well offer a challenge to other clubs. Refreshments will be served only every fourth meeting. Some clubs have a tendency to do little else at club meetings but eat." Page Fred B. Cochran, leader of the Norwell, Mass., forestry club, whose pet theory is: "Let them know they will have something to eat if you want to be sure to get them out to the meeting."

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Billy Munson, 10-year-old 4-H club boy of Fulton County, Ill., has a fat barrow which walks at the end of a leash. He took the animal to the State fair where the barrow won first honors in its division. E. I. Pilchard, specialist in junior club work, Illinois, says that this is the first time he has seen a hog trained to lead, other than in an animal circus. Billy accepted it as quite matter-of-fact that the barrow should begin walking at the end of the leash when commanded to do so.

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A woman was trundling a baby carriage up a hill, while her little girl was walking by her side. The little girl suddenly darted into the street and, letting go of the carriage for an instant, the mother started after her. The carriage started rolling down the hill, steadily gaining momentum. This is where Charles Bishop, 12-year-old club member of Providence, R. I., enters the story. By sizing up the situation and acting quickly he saved the infant child from possible serious injury when he rushed across the street and stopped the carriage, which was careening along at a rapid rate of speed. He managed to do this without injury to himself or the baby.

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Mildred Cliff, 11-year-old member of the Washoe Valley Girls' 4-H Club of Washoe County, Nev., earned her trip to club camp by digging fishworms. At a meeting of the club the girls decided to earn the \$3 which would be the expenses at camp. One of Mildred's neighbors has 45 prize ducks. Some of these ducks were sick and refused all nourishment but angleworms, so the neighbor offered Mildred 5¢ a dozen for all the worms she could dig. Mildred says: "My sister and I started out to dig in mother's garden. The first evening we dug 740, making \$3, and the other 20 worms we threw in. We kept digging every day until they were hard to find. We made \$10 and now the ducks are well again." Mildred has since picked up pin money occasionally by furnishing angleworms to people in the neighborhood going on fishing trips.

OF HUMAN INTEREST (Cont'd)

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Odd names of clubs filter in. On the desk now there are the Anti Can't Club of Pierce County, Wis., and the Just Sew Club of Larimer County, Colo. The "Loyal Turks" of Clay County is the first 4-H turkey club to be organized in Nebraska. The club has eight members. Then there is the Garpica 4-H club out in Franklin County, Ohio, whose name can be readily understood when we learn that the club is interested in gardens, pigs, and calves.

OVER THE FENCE IS OUT It would seem, from the following extract from a letter which he sent to the State extension office, that Edward Callahan, 4-H Club member of Middlesex County, Mass., has acquired considerable information about raising pigs: "Since my pig was long and rangy, she soon perfected the gentle art of fence jumping. She jumped over a fence 3 feet high when she was 4 months old. After a while it grew to be a habit for her to get out and run to the barn cellar to wade and get all dirty. To remedy this I used to pour a can of water over her to cool her off. I also constructed a wallow in one corner of the yard. This kept her busy for almost a week, but she became restless and continued to jump. This was very, very troublesome because she trampled down a great deal of rye, and in our efforts to get her in she would get out of breath and lose a great deal of weight. When she got out when we were not at home, the dogs would chase her around, a thing which did not help matters any. I finally solved the problem by making a movable pen. It was about 4 feet wide, 15 feet long, and 4 feet high. At one end I made a roof and covered it with roofing paper to shed the rain. One day she jumped out of this pen, so I took an old picket gate and placed it over the top. I moved this pen about once a week, thus giving the pig plenty of green feed."

TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE Dorothy Haight, of Washoe County, Nev., tells about some bad luck she had while doing furniture refinishing in her room redecorating project: "A piece of bad luck I had was with my wardrobe. I put it outside when I painted it and the next morning before it was dry some chickens flew over the fence, landing on the top of it and tracked grit into it. Immediately after I had finished my dresser some one with a terrible curiosity had to stick their fingers in to see if it was dry. It wasn't. My brother sat down on the stool and the tar and lint from his clothing marred the finish of the stool. I had to do the top over on these three pieces. My little rocking chair was the only thing that escaped mishaps." Dorothy also gives a tip to other club members. She found that, by putting newspapers on a table and painting such things as small rockers and stools there, that it saved one a great deal of stiffness caused by unnecessary stooping when the article to be painted was left on the floor or ground.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

H. M. Jones, State club leader, South Dakota, writes that meetings with county bankers' associations and agricultural committeemen of the State bankers' association have resulted in increased cooperation on 4-H club work. Each county has a key banker who maintains contact between the extension service and the other bankers of the county.

E. E. Eastman, assistant county agent, accompanied by about 75 club members from Orange County, Calif., visited the U. S. rabbit experiment station at Fontana, this summer. During the visit, John W. Meyer, acting director of the station, explained the work of the station and then took the boys and girls on a trip of inspection to a large commercial poultry plant and hog farm near-by. Later they returned to the experiment station and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the lawn in front of the administration building.

New York State has just finished a series of six conferences at which the club agents came together at Syracuse for a session with T. H. Eaton, professor of rural education at Cornell, in the discussion of the general topic "4-H Club Work as Education." This is the beginning of a series of professional conferences which the club people of New York are holding. They expect this winter to carry out a series of conferences on similar topics related to club work.

A church at North Haverhill, N.H., has held a 4-H Sunday. Eighteen leaders and 110 club members attended the services. A 4-H sermon was preached and two club members in the community spoke on the higher aims of 4-H club work.

The North Carolina State Fair this year offered nearly \$3,000 in premiums to 4-H club members who made exhibits, gave demonstrations, and engaged in judging contests.

Vanderburgh County, Ind., has an alfalfa club this year for the first time. This club is supplementary to the calf clubs in the county, the members growing 2 acres of alfalfa for feed when their dairy heifers come into production. Lime was furnished by two commercial concerns, the club members paying the freight; the local dairy council furnished half the seed and the children paid for the other half. The local Kiwanis club is sponsoring the project by offering a prize of an educational trip. The winner will be determined by one of the specialists of the Soils and Crops Department of Purdue University before cutting time next year.

Arno Hansas, 4-H club member of Hillsborough County, N. H., has organized a bull association for a group of New Ipswich farmers.

Mrs. Laura Angell, local leader in Chenango County, N. Y., was recently presented with a gold leadership pin as a token of appreciation for 10 years of service which she has given to 4-H projects. Harry L. Case, county club agent, presented the pin at a meeting of her club, the Interior Decorating 4-H Girls.

Forty Louisiana 4-H club members applied for places on the staff of "LOUISIANA'S 4-H DAILY," which was published during the short course. There were four issues of the DAILY, each number having a different editor, assistant editor, and 8 cub reporters.

THREE-YEAR DAIRY CLUB PROGRAM

"The real purpose of dairy club work is to teach the club members the best dairy practices. Not much can be done in a summer, nor in a year. But a three-year program gives the young people a chance to cover most of the important phases of dairying. They have a chance in that time to do something more than compete for a prize.

"A three-year club program may start with the calf of only a few months old and continue through the first lactation period of the cow. Or, it may start, as many do, with a bred heifer, and the calf project will be carried on the third year. Or it may start with heifers just fresh or about to freshen.

"Regardless of when it starts it should fulfill its function of imparting practical dairy knowledge to the club members. This can best be done over a three-year program which includes feeding the calf, developing the heifer, and feeding the cow for economical milk production. Accurate records of every step of the work are of utmost importance. Knowing how to fit the animal for show and how to show it is invaluable, and the discipline occasioned by the regular care required of dairy stock must not be overlooked. One year of it is fine, but three years is immensely more valuable, and those that come through the three-year project with complete records have demonstrated a goodly degree of reliability and thoroughness in their work that the one-year project, which often ends at the county fair, can not bring forth.

"A measure of success of the participants in a club project stimulates interest and is a basis for making awards. The three-year dairy project permits a different grading as the project advances, introducing such factors in the bred heifer and cow project as the individuality and breeding of the sire to which the heifer is mated, the production of the cow, and the individuality of her calf. Such a rating may be termed a calf club futurity and requires careful planning for the future.

"Many 4-H members have accumulated and developed many excellent small herds within a few years' time, getting their foundation animals through club work. The three-year program is conducive to such herd building. It develops a permanent interest in dairying and fosters a sound attitude toward it. The dairy industry is permanent and stable, lending itself to a long-time program of development. We heartily encourage building our 4-H dairy clubs along similar lines." ---The Dairy Farmer.

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A local bank at Mapleton, Minn., used its advertising space in the town newspaper to print an editorial, which was inspired by the part the 4-H'ers played at the State fair. It is headed "All Hail the 4-H Clubs" and a part of it reads: "Just about a dozen years hence, the present 4-H club members are going to be "THE" exhibitors at the State fair. They are going to put the farming game on a different basis. Their zeal, their training, their efficiency, their knowledge and ambition is going to put farming on such a basis, that all others will have to follow safely and swiftly in their wake, or get into other lines of human endeavor. God speed the work of the 4-H clubs."

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In the September CLUB LEADER, experiences in solving certain problems in 4-H club work were asked for. Last spring, up in central Vermont, in the Mad River Valley, Lola Bagley, who was then county club agent for Washington County, found an enrollment problem - 181 boys, only 13 of whom were as yet in club work. With the cooperation of the men and women in several communities, she organized a mens' and boys' get-to-gether. The women of Waitsfield, Warren, and Moretown, prepared just the kind of dinner that boys and men like and served it to the 85 boys and 50 men who responded to the invitations sent out. Governor John E. Weeks was the speaker and guest of honor. Other speakers were Hon. E. H. Jones, commissioner of agriculture, Director Thomas Bradlee of the Vermont Extension Service, and George M. Putnam, president of the Farm Bureau Federation in New Hampshire. There were also 4-H movies, songs, cheers, and decorations, and altogether, a peppy good time. Of the boys present at this get-together 63 signed up for club work.

In Avoyelles Parish, La., Blanche Arceneaux, home demonstration agent, felt that it would tend to make for better parish-wide club work if her leaders were acquainted. So she called a meeting in her office of all leaders in the parish. Twenty-six leaders were present. Ellen LeNoir, State home demonstration agent, and Gladys Tappan, district agent, Louisiana State University Extension Division, were at the meeting and made talks on the value of local leaders to the 4-H club organization, and the parish superintendent spoke on the relation of agriculture to the school. Exhibits of club work in communities in the parish were displayed. Miss Arceneaux says that she feels that this meeting was of great value to each leader as it furnished an opportunity to become acquainted with one another and for discussing problems common to them.

Sixteen of the 23 full-time county club agents in Massachusetts are former 4-H club members.

William B. C. Harkness, 14 Challis Avenue, Marrickville, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, who is deputy commissioner of education in New South Wales, visited the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of studying the way in which 4-H clubs are conducted in the United States. He is traveling under a fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation and will visit Columbia University, Chicago, Colorado, and California, before he returns to Australia.

AMONG OURSELVES (Cont'd)

R. G. Foster, field agent, Eastern States, has left the office again on a trip which will include Ohio's State extension conference, the National Dairy Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., and the twelfth Country Life Conference at Ames, Iowa. He expects to visit 4-H clubs in several counties in Pennsylvania with State Club Leader A. L. Baker before returning here on November 4. R. A. Turner, Central States, is assisting with club activities at the National Dairy Exposition. From there he will go to Ames to attend the Country Life Conference, then to North Dakota for conference with State and county club workers, to South Dakota where he will speak at the annual State extension conference, and to Nebraska for the Interstate 4-H Club Livestock Show at Omaha and to confer with club workers in the State. I. W. Hill, Southern States, is attending the All-South Club Congress at the Mid-South Fair, Memphis. Madge J. Reese, Western States, has returned from a trip to Hawaii and several of the Western States. Gertrude Warren will soon start on a trip to the Central States.

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WE'VE STILL A LONG WAY TO GO E. I. Pilchard, specialist in junior club work, Illinois, reports that in one county in Illinois, figures obtained from the county superintendent of schools show that there were 10,735 boys and girls in that county 10 years old and under 21 years of age in 1928. Of this number, 6,304 were of elementary age and 1,653 were in high schools. It is fair to estimate, says Mr. Pilchard, that half of this number resided in small towns and villages, indicating that there were at least 5,000 boys and girls of club age in the school districts of that county, and that there were at least 1,300 of that number which were not in school. The enrollment in club work in this county last year was 305. These figures indicate, says Mr. Pilchard, that the 4-H club program has even yet only scratched the surface in its possibilities and especially in interesting the older boys and girls.

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"4-H CLUB GOALS," prepared by Gertrude L. Warren, is enclosed with this issue of the CLUB LEADER.

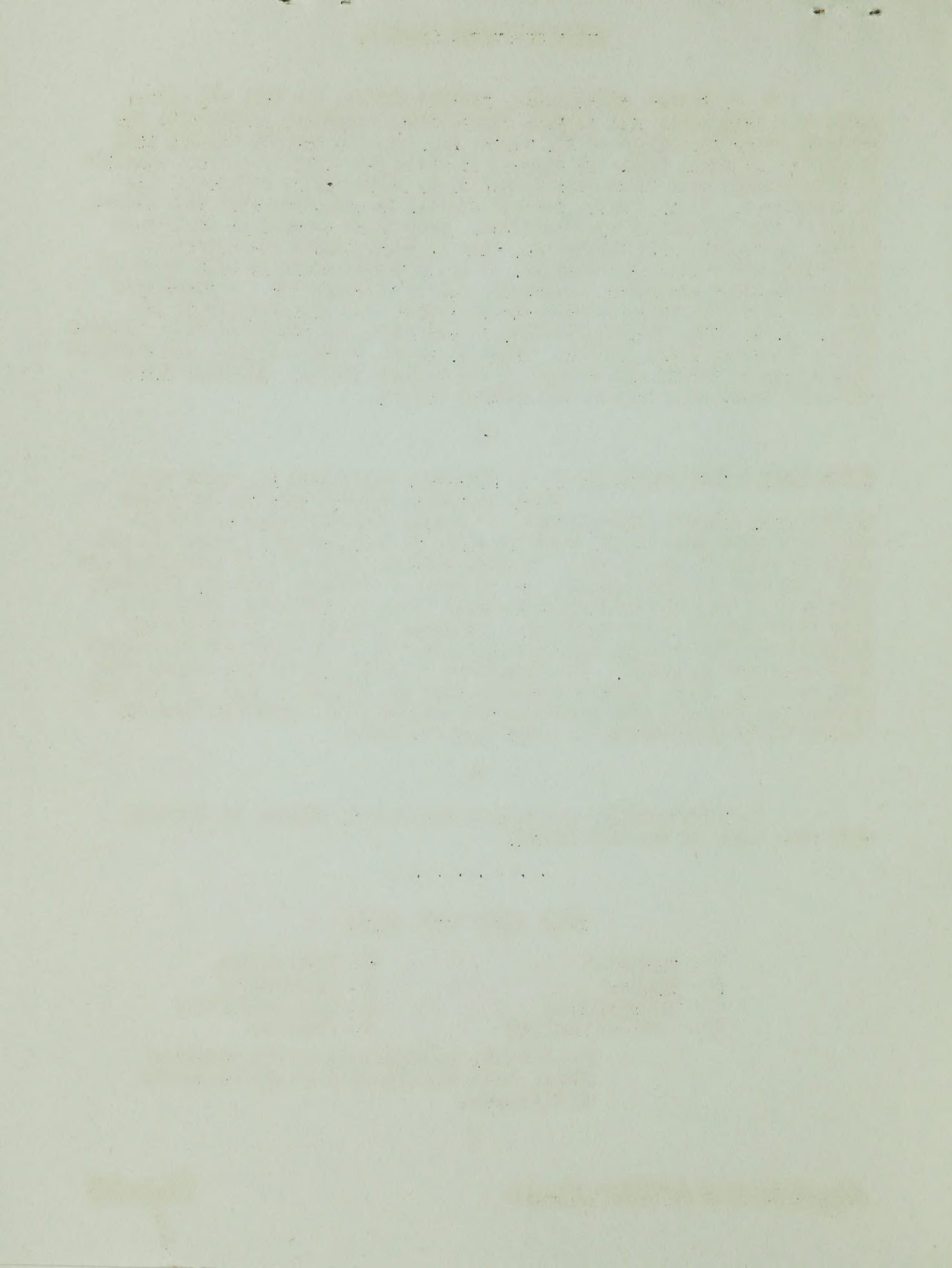
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| L - Loyalty | O - Originality |
| U - Understanding | R - Resourcefulness |
| B - Business Methods | K - Kindness |

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